

Camp Jackson Washington DC July 3 1861

Dearest Wife

I sit down a few moments this afternoon to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well as usual except my arm that troubles me very much by spells otherways I am well as usual I received your letter this morning and was glad to hear you was all well you wrote that Mr Babcock was at the Elm House you found fault with me for keeping our meeting a secret from you if ~~you~~ he deceives you as he deceived me you will want to keep your meeting with him a secret I guess he is a man of no confidence whatever that is so Mr Jacob Ham is to see us and Mrs Clark tell Charles I am obliged to him for his present he sent me and I will bring him home something to pay for it if I come home I have not any news to write but war except the burial of a soldier from the 2^d Maine Regiment that got shot accidental last Saturday night and died this morning and was buried this afternoon the 2^d Regiment was ordered to march last Monday over in to Virginia they left a few men to take care of him

while he lived so we turned out and buried him
this afternoon he was buried in soldier stile it was
was a solemn sight I assure you to see hundreds of
men present and but one Woman that was Mrs Clark she
will ^{have} something to ^{tell} you when she get home we were all
^{glad} to see a Woman from maine & guess you wrote me
you wanted me to see all I could while I was out ^{here}
for you as you would like to come out here if you
should ^{you} would find a bow sudden hole and a very
large idle ignorant set of people as you ever saw
in your life I do not think you'd like any better
than I do and as for my seeing I cannot we are
here on Meredion hill we have seen all we shall without
we move from here which I hope we shall it is
our turn to go from here next but if we do
you must direct your letters the same as you have
before till I tell you different there is a large regiment
from Michigan coming ~~into~~ same camp growing that
2^d regiment left they ^{are} right from ^{home} and feel
first rate now when they have been here a month
or two they wont feel so well as they do now it
will sober them out here on our fare very quick
I will assure you but they must stand it any how
they are in for three years service for the government

you said it was a great task for you to write
I am very sorry for that for I am very lonesome and a letter from
^{home} is a great treat for me I want you to write as often
as you can tell Abeline I am greatly obliged to
her for the present she sent me in hers last letter but
I forgot to thank her for it in my last letter tell ^{her} to
write as soon again as she can tell Abner I am obliged to
her for her letter and would answer it if I had time but
I have not told Mr Huntress I will write him if I have
time but I guess I shall tire you out with this tell
the children to be good and mind Mother and remember
father some of these dark nights when I am alone
tell Leyman I should be glad to hear from him again
and finally from you all tell ^{all} inquiring how do for me
and remember us out in this hot country so you ~~to~~
must close by bidding you good by for the present so
good by receive this from affectionate husband yours in
heart

Mrs Mary Ann Wright

Horace Wright

I hope you and Mr Babcock will have an interesting
time at your meeting

H Wright